

HR 5815

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization Act of 2006

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 17, 2006
Resident Commissioner Fortuno, Luis G. [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jul 19, 2006
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jul 26, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 8, 2006
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 14, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 3421	Related bill	Dec 22, 2006: Became Public Law No: 109-461.

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization Act of 2006 - (Sec. 2) Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a major medical facility project (project) for restoration of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Biloxi, Mississippi.

(Sec. 3) Authorizes the Secretary to enter into an agreement with: (1) Louisiana State University to design, construct, and operate a joint-use medical facility in or near New Orleans, Louisiana, to replace the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New Orleans damaged by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005; and (2) the Medical University of South Carolina to design, construct, and operate a joint-use medical facility in Charleston, South Carolina, to replace the Ralph H. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Charleston.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes the Secretary to enter into an agreement to purchase a site for the replacement of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, Colorado. Requires a report from the Secretary to the congressional veterans' committees on options available for the replacement facility.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes the Secretary to carry out specified projects in connection with the Capital Asset Realignment Initiative (Initiative) in Alaska, California, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

(Sec. 7) Authorizes the Secretary to carry out specified major medical facility leases in: (1) FY2006 in Indiana, Maryland, and Texas; and (2) FY2007 in Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, and Texas.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes appropriations for: (1) FY2006 projects; (2) projects under the Initiative; and (3) major medical facility leases.

(Sec. 9) Expresses the sense of Congress recognizing the need for veterans' medical facility improvements in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Requires a report from the Secretary to the veterans' committees on options available for replacing the current Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Juan.

(Sec. 10) Authorizes the Secretary to convey to the city of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, a portion of Tower Park in Fort Thomas.

(Sec. 11) Establishes in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) the position of Director, Construction and Facilities Management, with responsibility for: (1) construction and facilities management across the VA; and (2) all VA major and minor construction projects.

(Sec. 12) Directs the Secretary to submit to the veterans' committees: (1) a business plan for enhanced access to outpatient care for primary, mental health, and specialty care in the areas of Lewiston-Auburn, Houlton, and Dover-Foxcroft in Maine and Whiteside County, Illinois; and (2) a report identifying and outlining options available for the placement of a VA medical center in Okaloosa County, Florida.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 14, 2006:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sep 13, 2006:** Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 13, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6453-6459)
- **Sep 13, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5815.
- **Sep 13, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6453-6455)
- **Sep 13, 2006:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6453-6455)
- **Sep 13, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 8, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109-643.
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- **Sep 8, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 382.
- **Jul 20, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 20, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 17, 2006:** Introduced in House
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- **Jul 17, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.